

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for conveying a rod-shaped article for a tobacco product, comprising:
transferring the rod-shaped article from a first conveying drum to a second conveying drum; and
supplying a vacuum to the article at the second conveying drum only after the article is transferred to the second conveying drum.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of transferring the article to the second conveying drum comprises moving the article with a movement surge.
3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the step of moving the article with a movement surge comprises triggering the movement surge with blast air.
4. The method according to claim 2, further comprising a step of tensioning the article before the step of moving the article with a movement surge.
5. The method according to claim 4, wherein the step of tensioning the article comprises applying blast air to at least one part of the article prior to the transfer.
6. The method according to one of the claim 1, wherein a vacuum is applied to the article at the first conveying drum, and further comprising a step of turning off the

vacuum supplied at the first conveying drum prior to the transfer.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein a vacuum is applied to the article at the first conveying drum, and further comprising a step of reducing the vacuum supplied to the first conveying drum prior to the transfer.

8. The method according to claim 3, wherein the blast air is fresh air.

9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of tensioning the article before the step of transferring the article.

10. The method according to claim 10, wherein the step of tensioning the article comprises applying blast air to opposite ends of the article.

11. The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of transferring the article comprises triggering a movement surge with blast air applied to a middle region of the article.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of tensioning the article comprises applying a vacuum to the article through a concave recess of the first conveying drum.